

REMARKS

Claims 8 is pending in this Application. By the present Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 7 have been cancelled and claim 8 added. Claim 8 corresponds to previous claim 7 rewritten for clarity. Applicants submit that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claim 7.

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 for lack of adequate descriptive support.

This rejection has been rendered moot by canceling claims 1 and 3.

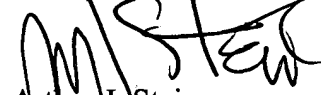
Applicants again acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claim 7. As previously mentioned, claim 8 replaced claim 7 and, hence, is also allowable. Applicants, therefore, submit that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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Respectfully submitted,

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